

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 remain in this application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Claims 1, 4-7 and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Grinke* (US 5,085,246). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Grinke is directed to a plural-rate surge-suppressing valve which utilizes a plurality of flow paths through a movable valve member 12, some of these flow paths being shut off when the flow pressure overcomes the spring tension. *Grinke* does not show, disclose or infer that his inlet socket 16, 26 or his outlet socket 22, 40 have “an orifice along a longitudinal axis of the inlet socket for permitting fluid flow through the inlet socket” or “an orifice along a longitudinal axis of the outlet socket for permitting fluid flow from the inlet socket through the outlet socket.” Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over *Grinke* as applied to claims 1, 4-7 and 13-15 above. Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claims 10 and 13-15 have been cancelled.

Applicant submits here the arguments set forth above for the patentability of claims 1 and 4-7.

Claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Grinke* in view of *Terry* (US 5,215,113). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Claims 11 and 12, 10 and 13-15 have been cancelled.

Applicant submits here at the arguments set forth above for the patentability of claims 1 and 4-7.

Terry is directed to a precision safety shut-off valve which utilizes a piston valve body 46 with a conical nose segment 48. The piston valve body 46 has a plurality of flow channels

therethrough. Just like *Grinke*, Terry does not show, discuss or infer the use of flow channels through his inlet and outlet sockets.

Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

In light of the above amendment and remarks, applicant believes that the claims remaining in this application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed and this application passed to issue.

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